

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION (f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.), AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-22
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENT NOS. 1 AND 2 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued July 24, 2000)

On October 14, 1997, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22. The Board issued an order on December 15, 1997, approving the negotiated interconnection agreement. On July 5, 2000, U S WEST and McLeodUSA filed Amendment No. 1 to the interconnection agreement to add terms and conditions for "Unbundled Network Elements Combinations, Customized Routing and Shared Interoffice Transport." Amendment No. 2 to the interconnection agreement was also filed on July 5, 2000, to "add Reciprocal Compensation Language to the Agreement." A corporate reorganization was closed on June 30, 2000, and U S WEST's name has been changed to Qwest Corporation.

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The parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment to the agreement within 30 days of the filing under 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments on or before August 4, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Comments supporting approval or rejection of Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to the negotiated interconnection agreement, filed July 5, 2000, by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., shall be filed on or before August 4, 2000.

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/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of July, 2000.